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SUBJECT: SOVIET EMBASSY PROTEST OF JUNE 22 DEMONSTRATION

1. WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE PEACEFUL MARCH BY LARGE GROUP OF AMERICANS OF UKRAINIAN DESCENT ALONG STREET IN FRONT OF SOVIET EMBASSY JUNE 22 TURNED INTO UGLY INCIDENT WHEN SOME MARCHERS UNEXPECTEDLY THREW BOTTLES OF PAINT OR INK AND OTHER OBJECTS AT SOVIET EMBASSY. ONE CONTAINER OF COLORED LIQUID HIT SECOND FLOOR OF CHANCERY BUILDING; SOME LIQUID AND OTHER DEBRIS LANDED ON EMBASSY GROUNDS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. POLICE AND EPS MADE NINE ARRESTS.

2. SOVIET EMBASSY LODGED ORAL PROTEST JUNE 22 AND FOLLOWED WITH NOTE NEXT DAY. DEPARTMENT OFFICER EXTENDED APOLOGIES IN PERSON AT SOVIET EMBASSY JUST AFTER DEMON-
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STRATION AND AGAIN ON JUNE 23.

3. TEXT OF SOVIET EMBASSY NOTE FOLLOWS: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INFORMS THE US DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE FOLLOWING.

ON JUNE 22, 1974, VIOLENT ANTI-SOVIET DISTURBANCES TOOK PLACE AT THE EMBASSY OF THE USSR. DISORDERLY

ELEMENTS SHOUTED ANTI-SOVIET SLOGANS AND WAVED ANTI-SOVIET PLACARDS. STONES, BOTTLES CONTAINING PAINT, AND OTHER OBJECTS WERE THROWN AT THE EMBASSY BUILDING AND ITS GROUNDS. AS A RESULT OF THESE DISTURBANCES THE EMBASSY BUILDING SUSTAINED DAMAGE.

THE POSITION OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THOSE ORGANIZATIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING PROPER SECURITY FOR THE SOVIET EMBASSY AND ITS STAFF IN THE UNITED STATES IS, TO SAY THE LEAST, SURPRISING. IN VIOLATION OF THE APPLICABLE AMERICAN LEGISLATION AND ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS, KNOWING IN ADVANCE OF THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ACTIONS, THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES NEVERTHELESS PERMITTED THEM TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE EMBASSY OF THE SOVIET UNION, THEREBY COOPERATING IN THE PRANKS OF DISORDERLY ANTI-SOVIET ELEMENTS.

THE POSITION OF THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES IS ALL THE MORE INCOMPREHENSIBLE IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE EMBASSY HAS WARNED THEM REPEATEDLY THAT THE PRACTICE OF HOLDING SO-CALLED PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE USSR AT OUR EMBASSY IS NOT PERMISSIBLE. MOREOVER, ON THE PRECEDING DAY, JUNE 21, MINISTER COUNSELOR YU. VORONTSOV SPECIALLY REQUESTED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE J. ARMITAGE TO TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT THIS HOSTILE DEMONSTRATION AT THE EMBASSY.

THE ABOVE-MENTIONED EVENTS OF JUNE 22, WHEN THE CROWD BROKE OUT OF POLICE CONTROL AND ACTUALLY ATTACKED THE EMBASSY, ONCE MORE CLEARLY CONFIRM THE VALIDITY OF OUR WARNINGS.

THE EMBASSY OF THE USSR STRONGLY PROTESTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DEMANDS THAT THOSE GUILTY OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED OFFENSES BE PUNISHED, AND AWAITS AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPLANATION AS TO WHY THESE ANTI-SOVIET ELEMENTS WERE ALLOWED IN THE VICINITY OF THE EMBASSY.

THE EMBASSY EXPECTS THE DAMAGE SUSTAINED BY ITS BUILDING AND GROUNDS TO BE REMOVED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE AMERICAN SIDE.

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